

PARTICIPATION IN COMMUNITY LIFE; POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

Anyone wishing to use school facilities for political purposes must follow these Board Policies and regulations.

(cf. 1330 – Use of School Facilities)

Political Activities During School Hours

1. The principal shall designate a “main campus.” The designation of “main campus” means that the primary purpose of that area is to educate students and that area is closed to the general public and may not be used for engaging in political activities.
2. A resource person may be brought into the classroom or the main campus to help educate students about political issues and the process in our system of government. Such a person shall not use the classroom as a campaign forum for himself or any other candidate. If political issues are discussed by these resource people, the teachers are encouraged to ensure that students learn from opposing viewpoints on campaign political issues and other matters of public concern.

(cf. 6144 – Controversial Issues)

3. The principal may designate peripheral areas—not a part of the main campus—where expressive activities protected by the First Amendment may be engaged in. In the case of all school campuses, political expression will be limited to public sidewalks adjacent to the school campus.
4. Meetings may be held during lunchtime for students, or when various school-sponsored clubs meet, or when a staff member is working with students who are campaigning for student body office.

Guest speakers would not be prohibited from being invited to talk to club members and other students in attendance so long as a staff member advisor is present.

(cf. 6145.5 – Student Organizations and Equal Access)

5. Persons involved in these political expressions shall not obstruct or block persons wishing to exit or enter the school.
6. Solicitation of student assistance for campaign purposes through school clubs, class or membership lists or through other school activities is prohibited.

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7. Posting or hanging of campaign posters, murals and other types of signs other than for school elections on school property such as buildings, fences, etc. is prohibited.

POLITICAL ACTIVITIES AFTER SCHOOL HOURS

1. After school hours, the public may use school facilities in accordance with the Civic Center Act as detailed in BP/AR 1330, Use of School Facilities.
2. Persons involved in political activities on school grounds after school hours may not obstruct sidewalks, entrances or exits. Neither shall they try to detain anyone who is not interested in the political activity.
3. During before-school and after-school events or activities sponsored by the school, the school District or groups directly related to the schools, such as the Parent-Teachers Association, booster groups, etc. may not interfere with the school-related events or activities and may not obstruct sidewalks and entrances and exits to school facilities.
4. Posting or hanging of campaign posters, murals and other typed of signs other than for school elections on school property such as buildings, fenced, etc. is prohibited.

(cf. 4119.25 – Political Activities of Employees)